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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commanding General's Independence Day Safety Memorandum

1. On Tuesday, July 4th, we will celebrate Independence Day, a day that commemorates the founding of our country. On this day, we should take time to reflect upon the freedoms that we all enjoy and sacrifices of those who defend these freedoms. Please remember our Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers deployed in harms way over this holiday period.
2. With freedom comes responsibility, including the responsibility to protect our own safety and the safety of those around us. Throughout this holiday period, I ask that every commander, leader, and individual do his or her part to prevent accidents. Personal responsibility is the key, and that begins with leaders who care about their personnel; get involved, emphasize safety, and lead by example. Look out for yourself and each other over this holiday period.
3. Prior to the holiday weekend, every supervisor should provide a safety briefing to all personnel. In particular, address those hazards traditionally associated with the 4th of July Holiday weekend – driving, fireworks, water sport activities, and excessive heat. Privately owned vehicle accidents - especially motorcycles and ATVs, drinking, fatigue, and failure to wear seatbelts, continue to be the greatest threat to our personnel. Water sport activities are especially dangerous because they can result in drowning. Heat injuries do not take a vacation; they continue to be dangerous even when we are off duty.
4. The Maneuver Support Center and Fort Leonard Wood will celebrate the 4th of July Holiday with a number of great family activities that are open to the public on Gammon Field beginning at 3:00 pm. Our own 399th Army Band will give a concert beginning at 6:00 pm, a Salute to the Nation is at 7:15 pm, and the 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show will be held at 7:30 pm. Fireworks will top off the evening beginning at dark. It promises to be a great Fourth of July weekend here in the Fort Leonard Wood area.
5. Enjoy the time with family and friends, the time to relax and recreate, and the time participating in traditional Independence Day celebrations. This is a special holiday, and you are all valuable members of our team. I want each one of you to return safely after the holiday.

*Hope everyone has a
wonderful weekend!*


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